Centres (SDCCs) of two SDCAs falling in the same or adjacent Long Distance Charging Areas (LDCAs) is upto 50 Kms.

(iv) When the radial distance between two Long Distance Charging Centres (LDCCs) of two non-adjacent LDCAs is upto 50 Kms.

Local calls under category (i) & (ii) above, are allowed irrespective of the distance involved as such Villages/District Head Quarters failling in the above categories, only are provided local call facilities.

No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Vacant posts in Andhra Pradesh Postal Department

1617. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in postal department in Andhra Pradesh, category-wise;

(b) by when they are likely to be filled up; and

(c) the number of new post offices to be opened in Andhra Pradesh during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR).

(a) The number of vacancies in Postal Department in Andhra Pradesh,
category-wise is as below:

Group A	6
Group C	843
Group D	104

(b) Promotional posts in Group 'A' and Group 'C will be filled through Departmental Promotion Committee and Departmental Examinations. However, direct recruitment vacancies in Group 'C and *D' cadres can be filled after lifting of the present ban on recruitment.

(c) A target of opening 15 new Branch Post Offices and 2 new Sub-Post Offices had been fixed for Andhra Pradesh for the year 2000-2001. Opening of new post offices is subject to the fulfillment of department norms and sanctioning of required posts by Ministry of Finance.